



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Management Update Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis, Sam Brentano, and Kevin Cameron, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Brian May, Mark Ferron, Russ Dilley, Barb Young, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Marion County Parks Update

- Russ Dilley, Brian May

Summary of presentation:

- Hoping to have most of the North Fork parks open by Memorial Day weekend;
- Public Works hires eight seasonal parks staff:
 - They place nine fee boxes out every morning, seven days a week;
 - Will do basic park maintenance;
 - Continue with mowing;
 - Vegetation management;
 - Painting of restrooms, park gate, and picnic tables;
 - Bridge and stairway repair; and
 - Parking lot maintenance.
- Public Works does not want to go backwards with the fee collection:
 - Parking fees from the park's parking lots collect \$31,000, and street parking fees collect \$10,000 seasonally; and
 - The fee is \$5 a day and the annual pass is \$30.
- May be seeing a lot of impact with full parks if Mongold State Park closes;
- Need to move forward with Auburn Park Conversion Program;
- Can do split shifts for temporary workers with minimal staff as possible;
- Anticipating no financial changes for 2020; and
- Able to keep full-time staff.

Board discussion:

- The commissioners would like to open the parks:
 - May 15th date;
 - Keep the playgrounds closed until Phase 2 is approved by the governor;
 - Open the park bathrooms; and

- Keep collecting parking fees.
- Bear Creek Park Host is needed:
 - Normal opening date is May 1st; and
 - The commissioners would like the campground opened.

COVID-19 Update:

Summary of presentation:

- Eastern Oregon commissioners are wanting to push back with opening restaurants on the April 30th date:
 - Restaurants are opening.
- Need to set a meeting with Travel Salem, hotels, environmental health, and the restaurant industry, to do some marketing strategies and help businesses;
- Try and create a model to follow social distancing rules;
- LC-29 is the COVID-19 legislation:
 - Section 60 covers local governments; and
 - There are rumors that other issues have been added to the agenda.
- The governor may be issuing an executive order next week that helps all local governments with their deadlines and timelines with budgets:
 - Land use decisions; and
 - How to give public testimony.
- There is a concern with federal money not getting to the counties;
- Business Grant Program Update:
 - Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP) will be handling the first \$200,000 in grants;
 - The county is handling the rest of the money forward;
 - The county is waiting on the business information from WWP to be transmitted so the checks can be cut today;
 - Legal Counsel has written the board order stating that the first \$200,000 awarded will be between \$1,000-\$5,000, and follow the exact same criteria:
 - Any application thereafter, assuming that it meets the criteria, will get \$1,000 if they qualify.
 - Willamette Workforce Partnership is going to email the grant award recipients today;
 - Ten to 15 percent of the applications are incomplete;
 - WWP is looking to email the remainder of the applicants today whether or not they have been approved:
 - The commissioners would be hesitant communicating with the \$1,000 award recipients;
 - There are 190 validated businesses so far; and
 - WWP and the board's office will add information to their websites regarding the large influx of applications received.
- A Marion County Dashboard for COVID-19 is on the Marion County internet; and
- The Salem Chamber of Commerce started a Facebook site called, "Salem Eats":

- It lists area restaurants that offer takeout, or other creative take-and-bake options.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*